seats for students belonging to economically weaker sections in unaided private schools in Delhi, which have been allotted land by the government agencies. The High Court of Delhi *vide* its order dated 30.5.2007 has directed that such schools shall admit 15 per cent students of the weaker sections. The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has reported that out of 390 schools which were given land at concessional rates, 245 schools have fully complied with the orders, 139 schools have partially complied, 3 schools have not provided any information, 2 schools are not functioning and 1 school has been derecognized.

Effects of price rise on Mid-Day Meal Scheme

218. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mid-Day Meal Scheme is badly Effected by the high price rise in essential commodities;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to mitigate crisis;

(c) the immediate steps that are being taken by Government to provide good food to children; and

(d) if not, the reasons for various State Governments asking to increase Mid-Day Meal Budget in view of the price rise and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) In order to offset the impact of price rise, the Government decided in September, 2007 to enhance cooking cost by 5% every second year starting from the year 2008-09. Accordingly, with effect from 1.4,2008, the cooking cost was raised from Rs.1.80 per child per school day to Rs.1.89 at primary stage and from Rs.2.30 to Rs.2.42 at upper primary stage in North-Eastern (NE) States. Similarly, it was enhanced from Rs.1.50 to Rs.1.58 at primary level and from Rs.2.00 to Rs. 2.10 at upper primary level in case of all other States/UTs. NE States are required to contribute minimum Rs. 0.20 and other States/UTs Rs. 0.50. However, some States/UTs are contributing more than their minimum share. On the requests of various states/UTs to further enhance the cooking cost, a National Level Committee was constituted to review *inter alia* the cooking cost norm. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, the National level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee and the Expenditure Finance Committee, a proposal to revise the cooking cost and other related issues has been sent to the Cabinet Secretariat for consideration of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Universalisation of secondary education

219. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is serious enough for universalising secondary education so as to enhance higher education which is critical for development;

(b) if bo, the time-frame therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) With the objective to universalise access to secondary education and to improve its quality, a centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched in March 2009 by the Central Government. The scheme envisages enhancing the enrolment ratio to 75% for classes IX-X within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers, universal access to secondary education by 2017, and universal retention by 2020.

Complaints of collection of excess fee

†220. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR.GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States from which Government has received complaints relating to collection of capitation fee, donation or fee in excess of prescribed fees;

(b) the number of universities and colleges out of these which were investigated;

(c) by whom enquiry agency had been constituted; and

(d) whether it is a fact that these complaints were not attended to or whitewashed due to collusion of the powerful peers and high level of corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Fees charged by private professional colleges are regulated by committees constituted by State Governments and information on complaints concerning charging of capitation fee, donation etc. is not maintained by the Central Government. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), complaints relating to collection of capitation fee, donation or fee in excess of prescribed fees have been received in respect of University level institutions located in the States of Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Fact finding Committees have been constituted by Chairman, UGC, to enquire into the complaints and these Committees have submitted their reports in regard to complaints against two University level institutions in the State of Tamil Nadu. The Government has also separately referred complaints against two University-level institutions in ths State of Tamil Nadu to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

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